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For: NEW METHOD FOR DETECTING )  
ACID-RESISTANT  
MICROORGANISMS IN THE STOOL )

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request continued examination under 35 C.F.R. 1.114  
in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.